

REMARKS

Claims 22-24 were indicated as being allowable. Claim 21 is amended to include the limitations of claim 22, and claims 1, 8, and 13 are similarly amended. Claims 4, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 22 are canceled without prejudice, and claims 2, 3, and 5 are amended to be consistent with the parent, independent claim.

The amendments are made for the purpose of expediting prosecution and not for patentability, and the claim cancellations are made without prejudice. The traversals set forth in the Amendment dated January 24, 2005 are maintained over the prior art rejections. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter of the original claims (prior to amendment) and subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent prosecution.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-16, 21, and 23-24 remain and are thought to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above. No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (LMCO.009PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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